

'SUN' TOBACCO FUND NINE MONTHS OLD

Over 120,000,000 Smokes Al-
ready Shipped to Men
at Front.

CRIPPLES PLAN TO HELP

Pupils of East Side School Ar-
ranging to Give Two
Concerts.

The Sun Tobacco Fund has just
passed another birthday anniversary, its
anniversary, mind you, marking the
first of months, not years. It was nine
months old yesterday.

Nine months ago it made the initial
announcement of its intention to accept
contributions and send shipments of
tobacco to our soldiers in France. In
the three-quarters of a year intervening
it has shipped more than 120,000,000
cigarettes—cigarettes, cigars, tobacco for
pipes and "makins"—the whole mark-
ing the equivalent of that number.

One hundred and twenty millions is a
formidable figure, and with only an
individual in mind, it sounds like a lot
of money. The total does show indeed
that the public has made a magnificent
response to the call and that the sol-
diers have been well cared for.

But might not be lost of the
fact that the United States has hun-
dreds of thousands of men in France,
that the number is increasing rapidly,
that provisions are making for the send-
ing of troops abroad at a faster rate
than ever before, and that as more and
more of our forces engage in actual
fighting, the demand that brought the
fund into existence will be more and
more emphasized.

A Man's Job.

It's a man's job upon which Uncle
Sam has entered, and it's a man's job to
keep the American soldiers in France
supplied with smoking materials, which
is what they want and need above all
things else. Let's see how the fund is
getting on. The fund is celebrating its
ninth anniversary by pressing the
financial receipts right up to the quarter
of a million mark! There's only a little
way to go to reach that figure and the
achievement will be acclaimed by the
fellows Over There.

Announcement was made a short time
ago of a concert given for the fund by
the Blind Musicians of the city. Now it
is the crippled children who are
awakening a benefit for the soldiers'—
the project in the classrooms of the Crim-
inal Children's East Side Free School.
These days, for Saturday of next week
will be designated as the time when
the youngsters will put in and give a
show designed to make the fighting men
at the front happy.

They are an intensely patriotic com-
pany, the nearly 200 boys and girls, who
ride every day to 137 Henry street and
sew and stitch and make boxes, or those
of them that are too young for any of
these pursuits—just play on the sunny
class enclosed recreation ground on the
roof. Many of them have repeatedly
expressed a longing to do something
to help Uncle Sam win the war, for sev-
eral have big brothers over there, and
the others wish that they themselves
could fight or carry stretchers or be
nurses.

Kitchen Band to Play.

Finally it was decided that the Kitchen
Band, an organization of fourteen of
the crippled girls, should give two con-
certs, the entire proceeds of which
should come to the tobacco fund. The
entertainments are being arranged for
the afternoon and evening of April 13,
under the direction of Mrs. Stanley M.
Tasach, chairman of the entertainment
committee. Every youngster in the
school has promised to sell at least one
cigar, and the women composing the
band of directors are disposing of tick-
ets in almost wholesale quantities.

The concerts will be unique, for the
young performers will play on instru-
ments made of kitchen utensils. Initia-
tion violins, banjos, mandolins, saxo-
phones and full orchestral equipment
have been procured from these
ingenious contraptions the players pro-
duce real music. An attractive pro-
gramme has been prepared and the little
musicians are rehearsing industriously
whenever their teachers excuse them
from their classroom for a few minutes
together.

Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey, soldier,
writer and lecturer, who is always de-
vising new ways to raise money for the
tobacco fund, has just hit upon another.
He is now arranging to the Lyric
Theatre, where his thrilling photo drama
"Over the Top" is now on, and in order
that they shall not get away without
an opportunity to contribute to this
project he has arranged for the sale of
his photograph and copies of his books
"Over the Top" and "First Call," all
arranged by him, in the foyer of the
theatre afternoons and evenings.

Vitaphone Beauties to Help.

The sales will be in charge of some
of the Vitaphone stars—girls, of course.
The books and photographs will be of-
fered to the public in this way in a few
days.

The programme to be offered in Car-
negie Hall next Friday night by Mur-
atore, the celebrated tenor, and Fighting
Simon, the war lecturer, will be a no-
table one. Admission will be free, but
under Mr. Benson's direction a collec-
tion will be taken for the Sun Tobacco
Fund.

Muratore of course needs no intro-
duction to a New York audience and
the mere announcement of his intention
to sing at a soldiers' benefit should be
sufficient to fill the hall to overflowing.
Mr. Benson has appeared on platforms
with Col. Roosevelt and other leaders
and has established a reputation as a
careful speaker. He is an intrepid
fighter, was twice wounded in France
and was taken prisoner by the Germans.
While in the hands of the Hun he was
tortured by threats of death, but he de-
fied the Kaiser and dared his captives
to lay a finger on him. The recital of
his hair-raising escape almost takes the
breath. His experiences have made him
a veritable whirlwind on the plat-
form and his fiery speeches are most in-
spiring.

The concert by Mrs. Ida V. Enders,
the contralto, assisted by Mrs. E. Rohde,
pianist, and William Kroll, violinist,
will take place in the auditorium of
Cooper Union the evening of April 11.
An attractive programme will be ren-
dered and a large attendance is assured.
The use of the hall has been donated
and Mrs. Enders has offered half the
proceeds to the tobacco fund, the other
half also going to war relief enterprises.
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esses and the students of Cooper Union

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INCOME TAXES HIT \$800,000,000 MARK

Chinese Merchants in Final
Day's Rush at Collector
Edwards's Office.

SOME PAYMENTS 1 CENT

Last Return Filed in Wall St.
District as Trinity Chimes
Midnight.

The chimes in the tower of Trinity
Church were ringing their cadences be-
fore the clock boomed out at midnight
last night when the last man to file his
income tax return dashed into the pri-
vate office of collector William H. Ed-
wards on the fifth floor of the Custom
House. If he had gone to the sixth floor
office he would have been too late.

And with this last acceptance of a
return the rush by taxpayers to tell
Uncle Sam all about their incomes and
excess profits was ended. The collector
stated that he thought the Second Dis-
trict returns would exceed \$800,000,000.
In 1916 \$500,000,000 was taken in.

Promptly at 8 o'clock yesterday morn-
ing the doors of the collector's office
were thrown open, and the first three
persons to file their returns were a Ja-
vian from lower Broadway, a druggist
from West Broadway and a pushcart
peddler from Chrystie street. All day
long and far into the night the many
deputy collectors and employees received
returns on which the tax ranged in size
from one cent to thousands of dollars.

Knotty Problems Decided.

Many knotty tax problems were pre-
sented by taxpayers and the collector
and his deputies were kept busy ironing
out the kinks, but in the early after-
noon hours were threatened when fairly
or forty Chinese business men, accom-
panied by attorneys and interpreters,
appeared and went into the intricacies
of Chinese business methods in an ef-
fort to find out whether they were tax-
able or not.

Ying Ling Sing, who runs a chop suey
restaurant, told the deputy collectors
that he was all in a muddle and couldn't
make head or tail of how much he, as
well as his partners, owed in taxes.

"How many partners have you?" was
the question.
"Fifty," answered the chop suey mag-
nate.

"Fifty?" was the answer. "Forty in
China and maybe ten here."
The names of the partners were all
taken and the deputy collectors at once
the same pitch in the tone of many of
them. "When he asked for an explana-
tion of this he was told of a Chinese
business custom. This, according to the
answer, is that when a partner in a
business in China announces the birth
of a son that son automatically be-
comes a partner of the father and the
father's partners.

Many of the Chinese who visited the
Custom House were wholesale mer-
chants and some were professional men.

Chinese in Fear of Penalty.

It was reported that some of the
Chinese were alarmed when they dis-
covered that they had visited the col-
lector's office such a short time before
the hour he would have to close his office
to further returns.
They explained that in some parts of
China a man who fails to pay his debts
faces the penalty of having one of his
hands cut off. And in the case of the
Chinese who defaults when handling

ARMY HEADS BEGIN VICE INQUIRY HERE

Reports of Lifted Lid Arouse
Food Commission.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A quiet in-
vestigation of conditions in New York
surrounding illegal selling of liquor and
immorality as they affect men of the
army and navy is being made by the
Food commission.

It was learned to-day that certain
evidence has reached the commission
indicating a lifting of the lid in New
York since January 1. This is now being
investigated, and it is understood that
certain things have already been called
to the attention of the municipal au-
thorities there who are to have a chance
to correct them.

The commission has just sent another
investigator from here, and now has
four agents at work in addition to the
agents stationed at each camp in the
vicinity of New York.

The "daylight saving plan" has been
adopted by the Government of Holland
and, according to an announcement by
the Commercial Cable Company, all time
pieces yesterday were advanced there
one hour, to continue until October 1.

Garwood had a narrow escape from
death a year ago when a German sub-
marine torpedoed a steamship on which
he was a passenger. He tried to enlist
after that in the United States aviation
service, but was rejected. Later he got
into the Canadian service. His relatives
were notified of his death through the
Canadian War Office, but received no
details.

SOLDIER CATCHES MADMAN.

Dives into Creek After Fugitive
From Mattawan.

Charles Peters was lodged in a padded
cell in the Mattawan Asylum for the
Criminal Insane yesterday, following his
escape and recapture yesterday by a
soldier, who plunged into Plankhill Creek
and rescued him.

Peters got over the fence with the
aid of an iron bar with a crook on the
end of it. He took refuge in a cave,
where three men saw him hide. Pri-
vate Niles Lynch, stationed at Grove-
ville Mills, went in to drag him out, but
Peters got away and plunged into the
creek. The soldier dived after him and
had a struggle to keep the fugitive from
drowning himself.

TWO IN DRAFT DRUG NET.

Doctor and Former Guardsman
Are Indicted.

Dr. Philip Becker of 145 West Eight-
ieth street and Harry Walters, a former
member of the National Guard, who
lives in Bath Beach, were indicted yester-
day by the Federal Grand Jury for
an alleged transaction in drugs used to
aid men to evade service.

The indictment charges that on Octo-
ber 27 last Dr. Becker delivered to
Walters for \$20 drugs which caused the
latter to be discharged from the army
as physically unfit for service.

St. Louis-Chicago Air Mail O. K'd.

St. Louis, April 1.—Postmaster Selph
of St. Louis to-day announced that the
Post Office Department had approved his
plan for airmail service between St.
Louis and Chicago, provided suitable
landing fields can be found.

Castle Gets New Tammany Job.

Allen D. Castle, Tammany man from
the Third Assembly district, was named
yesterday as secretary to President Mac-
Bride of the Municipal Civil Service
Commission at a salary of \$2,100 a
year. The job was recently created,
presumably for Mr. Castle.

\$1.50 A POUND PAID FOR POULTRY HERE

Live poultry is scarce because of the
regulations forbidding the killing of lay-
ing hens and pullets until May 1. Al-
though the Federal Food Board is try-
ing to keep retailers to their promise
to charge not more than 44 1/2 cents a
pound for fowl, reports are coming in
that all kinds of fancy prices are being
demanded.

Authenticated cases are on record
where dealers have asked and obtained
as high as 75 cents a pound for old
roosters, the Food Administration price
of which was fixed at 27 cents. In
more than one instance it is known that
capon have cost consumers on the East
side \$1.50 a pound, and a case is being
cited where a dealer got \$75 for three
live capons and a turbot, all he had
left in his coop.

This telegram was received yesterday
from the Food Administration at Wash-
ington:
"After careful consideration decision
reached that period during which pro-
cessed wheat should be used as substitute
for wheat flour by bakers should not be extended beyond
thirty days."

Today (April 1). So little of this year's
crop remains that further use by bakers
as substitute will deprive 175 eating
population mostly living in large centres
of supply they are dependent on.
For the first time in weeks it is not
forbidden to eat beef, pork or any other
kind of meat to-day. Beefsteak and pork-
less Tuesdays have been suspended for
thirty days.

Detective Albert Hazlett of the Fifth
Branch Bureau was hit and his right leg
was broken yesterday afternoon by a
motor truck in Third avenue. Hazlett
was taken to Lincoln Hospital. John
Branning of 2068 Third avenue, the
truck driver, was summoned to appear
in Morrisania court this morning.

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